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UNIT 29237  
APO AE 09102

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17 March 2008

THUR: RSO, US. Army Garrison, Heidelberg, Unit 29237 APO AE 09102

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TO: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Heidelberg, Unit 29237, CMR 419, APO  
AE 09102

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 16 February 2008 U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg  
Retiree Council Meeting

1. **General.**

The Council President convened the quarterly meeting of the U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg Retiree Council at 1300 hours, 16 February 2008. The venue was the Goldener Hirsch Restaurant in Heidelberg-Kirchheim Germany.

2. **Attendance.**

a. **Council Members Present.**

LTC (R) Lawrence Applebaum	President
MAJ (R) Bernd Rieger	VP- Programs
MSG (R) Robert McCoy	VP- Attendance
SGM (R) Don Denese	VP- Public Relations
MSG (R) Donald E. Marsh	Secretary
CWO (R) Horst Viergutz	US Army Hospital Liaison for Health Care Support
Mr. Dom Buther	Garrison Retirement Services Officer
COL (R) Paul Samulski	Member

b. **Council Members Absent.**

Mrs. Helga Shupp	Member (Liaison for Retiree In-Patients)
SSG (R) George Hall	Member (Volunteer RSO)
Mrs. Marianne Davis	Member (Widows' Representative)
COL (R) John Napper	Member

c. **Others.** 27 other retirees/family members/guests were present at the meeting.

3. **Approval of Minutes from Last Council Meeting.** The minutes from the meeting held on 10 November 2007 were approved as written.

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**4. Announcements.**

a. Colonel Applebaum made the below announcements.

- Colonel Don Hartman died on 11 February 2008
- The tax assistance office at the shopping center is now open
- USAREUR RSO now under IMCOM-E / will publish two bulletins per year
- Shingles vaccine available at USAH Heidelberg for individuals over 60
- Direct Deposit of VA benefits to foreign bank is now possible

b. There were no announcements from the floor.

**5. Unfinished Business.** None

**6. New Business.**

**Conversion of Hospital to Super Clinic.** Colonel Applebaum commented on the conversion of the Heidelberg Hospital to a Super Clinic, this summer, offering fairly comprehensive care but to expect some changes.

**Report on Health Care Support.** CWO Viergutz reported that after the conversion of the hospital to a Super Clinic retirees will be seen on a space available basis only. Specialty clinic care will be curtailed; however, the specialty care that can be offered will be provided by qualified healthcare providers. Alternatives will be to obtain specialty care at a civilian hospital or at Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center, the latter on a space available basis.

Major Percy Rule, a meeting participant, commented briefly on the excellent treatment he had received at LARMC and at a civilian hospital in CONUS for lengthy and serious illness.

**Need new RSO Volunteer.** Dom Buther requested a volunteer or the name of a person that may be interested in volunteering to function as a Volunteer RSO as the incumbent RSO Volunteer, George Hall, will be able to work, at best, only a couple days, a week due medical problems. A notice seeking a volunteer will be included in the next newsletter.

**Widows tasks after death of retiree.** Colonel Applebaum commented briefly on the widow's tasks after death of retiree. We have spent considerable time in the past focusing on the things that a retiree must do to adequately plan for his survivor's benefits. It is appropriate to look at what the widow must plan for after her husband's death. A detailed review of this subject will be accomplished before the next Council meeting and the results of this review will be presented at the May 2008 meeting.

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**Program for Next Meeting.** Colonel Applebaum, Marianne Davis and Major Rieger will make a presentation that focuses on the widow's tasks after the death of the retiree.

**Council Member Concerns.** There were no member concerns brought before the Council

7. **Open Discussion.** None

8. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be at 1200 hours on 24 May 2008 at the Goldener Hirsch Restaurant in Heidelberg Kirchheim.

9. **Adjournment.** The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours.

**Program**

The program consisted of an excellent, very informative and well prepared presentation by retired Kriminalhauptkommissar Horst Engelmann, Heidelberg Police Department, on personal security and protection from thieves, fraud and trickery.

The program was oriented toward elderly persons, especially those living alone, who are prime targets for thieves that use trickery to accomplish theft of money and property. Herr Engelmann also provided a booklet with security advice and tips published by the Programm Polizeiliche Kriminalprävention der Länder und des Bundes, Zentrale Geschäftsstelle in Stuttgart.

*Donald E. Marsh*

DONALD E. MARSH  
MSG (R), Secretary  
U.S. Army Garrison Heidelberg  
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Enclosure  
Meeting Program

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The Minutes of Retiree Council meeting held on 16 February 2008 have been reviewed  
and Approved/Disapproved by the undersigned below. (Please Circle one)

**Reason for disapproval**

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**Robert J. Ulises  
Colonel, AV  
Commander**

**United States Army Garrison Heidelberg  
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**Quarterly Meeting  
16 February 2008**

**Program**

**Welcome**

**Business Meeting**

- Approval of minutes from last meeting (10 November 2007)
- **Announcements**
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  - Shingles vaccine available at USAH Heidelberg for over 60
  - Direct Deposit of VA benefit to foreign bank
  - Announcements from membership
- **Unfinished Business: None**
- **New Business**
  - Conversion of Hospital to Super Clinic
  - Report on Health Care Support – Horst Viergutz
  - Need new RSO Volunteer – Dom Buther
  - Widow's tasks after death of retiree
  - Program for May 2008 meeting
  - Member concerns (health care, community support, etc)
- **Open Discussion**
- **Time and place of next meeting**
  - Time and date: 1200 hours, 24 May 2008
  - Place: TBD during meeting
- **Adjournment**

**Program**

Personal Protection from Thieves, Fraud and Other Tricks – presented by  
Herr Horst Engelmann, Kriminalhauptkommissar retired

# **United States Army Garrison Heidelberg**

## **Retiree Council**

### **Membership as of 16 February 2008**

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<b>MAJ Bernd Rieger</b>	<b>VP - Programs</b>
<b>SGM Don Denese</b>	<b>VP - Public Relations</b>
<b>MSG Robert McCoy</b>	<b>VP - Attendance</b>
<b>MSG Donald Marsh</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Domingo Buther</b>	<b>USAG Heidelberg Retirement Services Officer</b>
<b>SSG George Hall</b>	<b>Retirement Services Officer (Volunteer Assistant)</b>
<b>Mrs. Leo (Helga) Shupp</b>	<b>Liaison for retiree in-patients</b>
<b>Mrs. Marianne Davis</b>	<b>Widows' Representative</b>
<b>CWO Horst Viergutz</b>	<b>US Army Hospital Liaison for Health Care Support.</b>
<b>COL Paul Samulski</b>	<b>Member</b>
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